

Government of Tamil Nadu
Registration Department

The Government of Tamil Nadu by Act No. 21/2009 and G.O.(Ms) No. 987 Home (Courts IV) Department dated 24.11.2009 has made it compulsory the registration of all marriages of all persons who are citizens of India belonging to various religions in this State. This has come into effect from 24.11.2009.

The marriages, even though registered under the Hindu Marriages Act, 1955, the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872, the Special Marriage Act 1954, the Mohammadian Shariet Marriage Act and all other marriages done under any other law, are required to be compulsorily registered under Section 3 of this Act as well.

By this Act, the Inspector General of Registration is appointed as the Registrar General of Marriages, all the District Registrars as District Registrar of Marriages and all the Sub Registrars as Registrar of Marriages.

A Memorandum for registration of marriage shall be delivered in person or sent to the Registrar along with an application within 90 days from the date of marriage. The memorandum in Form I and the application in Form II shall be supplied free of cost to the parties to the marriage by the Registrar.

Information and procedures about the compulsory registration of marriages and the required forms are available in the department's website www.tnreginet.net which can be downloaded.

The Memorandum along with the application should be duly filled in duplicate without any omission or error and signed by the parties to the marriage, the priest who solemnized the marriage and the two witnesses and the same shall be sent to the Registrar of Marriages (Sub Registrar) within whose jurisdiction the marriage

has been solemnized within 90 days from the date of marriage. It shall accompany proof of marriage, proof of age and address and identity proof of witnesses together with a fee of Rs.100/- (Rs.150/- if presented after 90 days)

If the application for registration of marriage and the related proof given by the parties are in order, the Registrar of marriage will give an acknowledgement. If the application or the proof given are not in order or insufficient or not with prescribed fee, the Registrar of Marriages will return the application for rectification and resubmission.

In case, the Registrar of Marriages feels any doubt about the identity of the parties or the witnesses or about the correctness of the statement, after affording opportunity to the parties to the marriage, will pass an order of refusal, if not satisfied.

Parties aggrieved over the refusal order may appeal to the District Registrar of Marriages, within 30 days from the date of receipt of such order.

Parties aggrieved over the order of the District Registrar of Marriages, may appeal to the Registrar General of Marriages within 30 days from the date of receipt of such order.

The decision of the Registrar General of Marriages is final in this regard.

With effect from 24.11.2009, from which date the Tamil Nadu Marriages Registration Rules 2009 came into effect, all marriages, irrespective of religion or caste, if not registered, within the prescribed time or any person who makes any statement which is false in material particular or contravenes any provisions of this Act, on conviction, will be punished.

Registrar General of Marriages
and Inspector General of Registration

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